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Washington, D.C. 20505

6 August 2019

Mr. J. Ader  
MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 71234  
411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02144

Reference: F-2019-01374

Dear Mr. Ader:

On 25 April 2019 we received your 2 July 2019 advising you had not received an acknowledgement letter in response to your April 2019 Freedom of Information Act request for **all records and documents relating to philosopher Leo Strauss.**

Our records indicate that we sent an acknowledgement letter to you on 12 April 2019 and that we also sent a final response to you concerning this request on 25 June 2019. We are enclosing copies of our responses in the event that you did not receive them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

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25 June 2019

Mr. J. Ader  
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Reference: F-2019-01374

Dear Mr. Ader:

This is further to our letter 12 April 2019 and is also a final response concerning your 4 April 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **all records and documents relating to philosopher Leo Strauss.**

We have completed a thorough review of your request and have determined in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(l) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). I have enclosed an explanation of these exemptions for your reference and retention. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

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Washington, DC 20505.  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

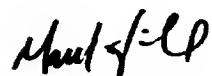
703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

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National Archives and Records Administration  
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College Park, MD 20740-6001  
202-741-5770  
877-864-6448  
202-741-5769 (fax)  
[ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)

Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,



Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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12 April 2019

Mr. J. Ader  
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Somerville, MA 02144

Reference: F-2019-01374

Dear Mr. Ader:

On 5 April 2019, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 4 April 2019 correspondence requesting records under the Freedom of Information Act. This is a quick acknowledgement to advise you that we received your request. Specifically, your request is for **all records and documents relating to philosopher Leo Strauss**. Your request was assigned the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Our officers will review and process your request in more detail and will only communicate to you if they should encounter any problems or if they cannot begin the search without additional information or clarification. We will search for CIA-originated records up to and including the date the Agency starts its search.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riggs Monfort".

Riggs Monfort  
Information and Privacy Coordinator